HART AND HAWKINS.

Two Opposite Motives.

We noticed in "The Lancet," of Baltimore, April 1st, the head line of an article, "A Shattered Idol," and thought that surely we had come upon a grand treat, but when we had read to the end, and paused to reflect, and search for the element of the truth that might well have been expected from an article so attractively stated, our first while treat became a sore disappointment. Our minds were more deeply impressed with what must have been meant when that great ancient writer said, "the mountains labored and behold there was produced a ridiculous mouse."

It will not be amiss to state here that we enjoyed an advantage over most people in that we knew before hand all of the facts in this case, and the facts of certain transactions relating thereto, that must have given impetus to the writing of this article; therefore we read it with peculiar interest, and studied it as a special exercise in philosophy and rhetoric. It would be a crime for which we might expect to answer were we to fail to pronounce Mr. Hawkins, the learned Editor of "The Lancet," a philosopher and a scholar of no mean ability, though we have not been told that he performed this wonderful feat, yet we know that it could have emulated from no other brain, could have issued from the point of no other pen than his.

How he marshalled a set of simple facts, his wonderful skill in distorting and perverting the truth are the remarkable features of the composition. The first, last and most important duty a newspaper, or any other public instructing agency owes to the public is to exercise great care that the facts are correctly stated, but you, Mr. Editor, seem to have a great propensity for imposing upon your readers a statement of your conclusions. We can see how in that you designed us a great favor, but let us exercise our minds, and trust us to think; and hope we may, like you, come to proper conclusions. If you do all of our thinking are long what would be the condition of our thinking faculties? Truth is what the world wants. It is the only force in the world that has a saving power. "We shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." For the sake of the race of which you pose as a great leader, if you print anything, print the truth. If you will teach us, then teach us principles, for principles are eternal. Your success as a leader, the success of your institution, or of any person or institution will be great and productive of lasting results so far as you instruct the people in the principles that bind, uphold, and move the people onward. Now, Mr. Hawkins, we will follow your article through and show your real position as against ours, not to instruct so learned a gentleman as you, but to show that you are (honestly or otherwise) mistaken; or that you do not know the facts in this case—we cannot think but that you are better informed—or else you have willfully and maliciously stated that which you know in the recesses of your soul to be entirely different.

You said that "Prof. Hart completely denied all connection with us, and takes himself body and soul and brains (if he has any of the latter) over in the camp of the Caucasians." You have never been more wrong in your life. We hope you will not miss heaven like you have missed this point. Prof. Hart has never tried to get away from the race. All who know the history of his life, and have seen him day by day for the past thirty years, know and say to a certainty and to a man, that he has spent his life in the service of the race and his study to its betterment. You, or some other one so able as you, would do the race a great service by writing the biography of so illustrious a gentleman. It would be highly instructive to all to learn what he has done.

The success of his battles for the right would furnish hope for the race, and inspiration to young men. He has studied our every condition, and has endeavored in every case to find a proper remedy for our wrongs. His great ability, the thoroughness of his learning and the results of his devotion to the cause of liberty, justice and equality, was shown by the success of his contentions in his case vs. the State of Maryland, when he refused to go into a "jim crow" car, for which he was arrested and tried in your state in a manner and fashion so well known to you; culminating in a grand, sublime and unprecedented effort, the success of which struck down forever one of the most hellish devices that could be contrived by man against man; the same having been constructed and instituted by a state that is a stench and a disgrace to the nation. We shall now present a picture that was before us last fall. As everyone knows your state made its campaign on the race issue. The leaders were fair in that they told you in advance what they would do to you if they carried the state. Yet, some of you "race leaders" went to Pennsylvania, Ohio and other states, bands where God's people live, and there essayed to tell those people what to do, while those of you who remained at home allowed the Democratic party to vote more than five thousand colored voters of the classes who work about the water front. It can readily be seen what is indicated by these outlines.

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